

Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting  
3 August 2006  
MINUTES

Chairman Tarr called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Committee Members Present: Hon. John H. Tarr, Chairman  
Hon. David Ross  
Absent: Hon. Glenn Wolffe

Staff Present:	Mr. Edward Lewis, Chief of Police	Others Present:
	Mr. Bryan Rush, Emerg. Svcs. Coord.	Mr. John Nelson Jester
	Mr. Jack Van Dame, Trolley Manager	
	Mr. Robert Ritter, Town Manager	

Chairman Tarr made a motion to adopt the agenda with an amendment to item number one which will allow for comments from the members. Mr. Ross seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

1. Emergency Management Report

A. Fireworks Transportation – Mr. Rush explained the new transportation system for the fireworks display. He listed several items that will be considered for next year's planning.

B. Communications – Mr. Rush stated that Mr. Dennis Cope has offered to help install the Town's HAM radio antenna. He added that Mr. Cope is also working on a plan to utilize the local radio station to broadcast information to the residents in the event of an emergency and/or evacuation. Mr. Rush advised that the Reverse 911 System is now in service and can be used to call residents and businesses to relay vital information in an emergency.

C. Training – Mr. Rush reported that the Police Department has made great strides in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and ICS training and that the career EMS providers have completed the training as well. He added that he is also working on getting all of the volunteer EMS providers through the program. Mr. Rush explained that several programs need to be completed by management staff and council members affiliated with Emergency Management. He added that there are several programs that he also needs to complete.

D. Planning – Mr. Rush explained that the Emergency Operations Plan will be reviewed in the near future. He added that the Plan, less all sensitive information, will be on the Town's website soon. Mr. Rush also reported that the Local Capability Assessment Report (LCAR) was sent to VDEM on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

E. Comments from Members

- Mr. Rush announced that there will be a Pandemic Flu Summit on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 8:30 pm at the Onancock Elks Lodge in Accomac.
- Chairman Tarr requested that Mr. Lewis update the call-in list for the evacuation of medical patients. Mr. Rush responded that the list has been updated. Chairman Tarr recommended that representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Fire

Company and the Park Service be invited to the next meeting. Chairman Tarr also recommended that the Damage Assessment Team be prepared for the hurricane season, and Mr. Rush responded that the team has been contacted.

- Mr. Jester respectfully offered his assistance with the Emergency Operations Plan and the Emergency Management program.

2. Island Trolley Report

Mr. Van Dame stated that there is a need for a 30-minute route. He added that scheduling works very well and is effective. Mr. Van Dame reported that the Town owns two new trolleys, that there is a logo theme for the whole system and that five shelters are being built at select locations along the route. He also reported on ridership. Mr. Van Dame stated that there has been some discussion regarding a program for off-season residents.

Chairman Tarr and the members thanked Mr. Van Dame for a job well done with the trolleys.

3. Public Safety Report

Mr. Lewis reported that the department recently purchased a Dodge Charger and that he has hired Mr. Jerry Tarr to fill the vacant Police Officer position. Mr. Lewis then gave his incident report.

4. Closed Meeting in Accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia

Chairman Tarr motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to convene a closed meeting to discuss police legal matters. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Tarr motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to reconvene in regular session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Tarr motioned, seconded by Mr. Ross, to adopt a resolution of certification of the closed meeting.

WHEREAS, the Chincoteague Safety & Transportation Committee has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Committee that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chincoteague Safety & Transportation Committee hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

VOTE: Ayes- Ross, Tarr,  
Nays- None  
Absent- Wolffe

Chairman Tarr moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ross seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 5:30 pm.